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Custom, which is better obey'd than any other Law, and which, indeed, has as good an Authority, viz. The free Consent of those who are bound by it, has made it common at this Season, to make Presents, especially to Young People; and if ever Books of Instruction come in an agree-

Light, it is surely in this Way. We have, naturally, a great deal to be said to the Gift, proportionable to the Regard we have for the Giver; and tho' we may have some Reason in entering on the Task of Instruction, yet in such Cases, Compliance and Good Manners force one to read.

I had these Thoughts in my Head lately, when I was inclin'd to do an Act of this Kind, and had some Intention of making choice of *The Adventures of Telemachus* the Book. But, immediately, a long Train of Objections presented themselves, and shook my Resolution. The English Versions I had seen were far from pleasing. I am equally an Enemy to a literal, spiritless, and unpolish'd Translation; and to such a one as by leaving the Author's Sense behind, presents me only with the Translated Gloss on the same Subject. But what struck me most was, the Impossibility of an English Reader's understanding this Book without Help, on account of the Author's Allusions to Classic Writers, and Ancient History.

Chance deliver'd me from this Perplexity, by throwing in my Way an Advertisement of a new Translation, which promised all I wished or wanted. I immediately sent for it, and on Perusal found it so much superior to all my Expectations, that I easily discern'd how much the Translator's Skill in this Kind of Writing defended mine. His Notes are so just, so clear, so useful, and so happily placed, that the Book is thereby rendered perfectly intelligible to every Reader, and the Beauties of that admirable Piece are so thoroughly pointed out, that as no proper Work can be put into the Hands of Youth, so I sincerely think this never be put into a better Dress. Let the Reader peruse the following Political Lecture of *Menon* to the Athenians, which is a Master-piece both in the Original and Translation.

As to the Multiplication of this People you need give yourself no Trouble; they will soon become innumerable, if you facilitate the means of Marriage, and nothing is easier. All Men have an Inclination to marry, and Poverty alone checks it. If you do not load them with Taxes, they will find no Difficulty to support their Wives and Children; for the Earth is never ungrateful, she always yields a Sustainance in her Produce to those who are industrious in her Cultivation. She refuses her Benefits to them alone who refuse her their Labour. The more numerous is the Husbandman's Family, the greater is his Wealth, if not impoverish'd by the Sovereign; for their Children, even in their tender Years, begin to contribute their Assistance. The youngest tend the Flocks in the Pastures, they who are of riper Years are Herdsmen, and the eldest assist their Father in his Tillage. In the Interim the Mother with all her Family makes ready a plain Repast for her beloved Spouse and Children, who must necessarily return fatigued with the Labour of the Day. She takes care to drain the Udders of her Kine and Sheep, and we see flowing Rivulets of Milk. She lights up a large Fire, around which the innocent and contented Family delight themselves in singing all the Evening, till friendly Sleep comes on. She makes Cheese, lays up Chestnuts, and preserves Fruits fresh, as when newly gather'd from the Trees.

The Shepherd returns with his sweet Pipe, and to the collected Family sings what new Songs he has learnt in the neighbouring Hamlets. The Ploughman brings home his Plough, and tired Oxen, which, notwithstanding urg'd by the pungent Goad, proceed with Necks inclin'd, and slow and heavy Steps. All the displeasing Labours of the Day are finish'd with it. The Poppies, which *Morpheus*, by the Gods Decree, scatters o'er the Earth, by their soft Charms assuage corroding Cares, and keep all Nature in a sweet Enchantment. All incline to sleep, improvident of the Morrow's Ills. Happy are these Men, void of Ambition, Strangers to Jealousies and to Deceits, if the Gods bless them with a Prince

who breaks not in upon their innocent Enjoyments! How shocking is that Inhumanity, which, for ambitious Views and pompous Schemes, rends from them the sweet Product of their Lands which they hold from the liberal Hand of Nature and their own Toil. Nature alone would, from her fertile Bosom, afford sufficient for a Number infinite of temperate and laborious Men; but they are the Pride, the Effeminacy of certain Persons which introduce a pinching Poverty among so many others.

But, said *Idomeneus*, what Method shall I take, if these People, with whom I shall fill the Country, neglect to cultivate the Lands? Do, reply'd *Menon*, the contrary of what is commonly practis'd. Covetous and improvident Princes think only of loading with their Taxes such of their Subjects as are the most careful, and the most industrious to improve their Lands, as they hope by these to be paid with less Trouble; and at the same time, they impose less on those whose Wretchedness is the Result of their Idleness. Put an end to this ill-judg'd Method, which ruins the valuable Subject, rewards Vice, and introduces a Neglect not less fatal to the Monarch than to the Commonwealth in general. Impose Taxes, Mulcts, and even, if need be, severe Punishments, on such as neglect their Grounds; as you would punish a Soldier who should desert his Post in Time of War: On the contrary, grant Favours and Exemptions to such Families, who, in multiplying, proportionably extend their Tillage. These Families will soon increase, and every one will be encouraged to labour; nay, it will become reputable, the Husbandman's Profession will be contemptible no longer, as it will no longer be overwhelmed with such Oppressions. We shall see again the Pough esteem'd honourable, and held by the victorious Hands which had been the Bulwarks of their Country. It will be no less glorious to cultivate the Patrimony descended from our Fathers in the happy Times of Peace, than bravely to have defended it in the Tumults of a War. All the Country will again flourish. *Ceres* will crown her Head with Ears of gilded Corn. *Bacchus*, pressing the blushing Grape beneath his Feet, shall from the Declivity of the verdant Hills pour Rivulets of Wine, which shall excellen Nectar in its grateful Flavour. The humble Vales shall echo with the Concerts of the Swains, who, on the Banks of Rivers, rolling a Chrystal Stream, shall to the Flute join the harmonious Song, while the skipping wanton Flocks, tearless of the Wolf, graze amidst the fragrant Flowers.

HOME PORTS.

Falmouth, Dec. 27. Wind S. W. Since my last sailed the Italian Merchant, Smithson, for Hull. Remains the Prince Frederick Packet for Lisbon.

Plymouth, Dec. 28. Since my last was brought in here by his Majesty's Ship the *Biddford* (who sailed from hence last Thursday) the Banks, Boyce, from Carolina for London; who was taken by a Spanish Privateer, but retaken by the above Man of War.

Dartmouth, Dec. 28. Yesterday arrived here the *Modbury*, Laverance, from Newfoundland; the *Diamond*, Cawley, and the *Charming Molly*, Woolcot, both from Lisbon, all for this Port. The Homeward-bound Ships remain, but intend to sail To-morrow, the Wind being at West.

Weymouth, Dec. 29. Wind S. S. W. Yesterday came into this Harbour, the *Willing Endeavour*, Migaud, from Southampton for Jersey. Sailed the *Charming Joan*, Jeanes, for London; and the *Samuel* and *Mary*, Sletham, for Scarborough.

Pool, Dec. 29. Wind W. Sailed the *Juffro-Anna-Virginia*, Bohee, of and for Dantzick; the *Three Sisters*, Nicklets, and the *Ann* and *Mary*, Bottley, both for London. Came in the Supply, Smith, from Lisbon.

Portsmouth, Dec. 30. Came to the Mother Bank, the *Budgen*, French, for Jamaica, the *Atalanta*, Lee, for Monferrat, the *Pretty Betsey*, Whaley, and the *Draper*, Leach, both for Dublin, the *Bless*, Fowler, and the *Morecraft*, Batty, both for Liverpool, the *Rainbow*, Knight, for Bristol, the *Mediterranean*, Gardiner, for Leghorn, and the *Swift*, Watts, for East India, all from London.

Dover, Dec. 30. Wind S. W. Arrived the *London*, Newham, from Virginia; and the *Mainhead*, Chappell, from Leghorn, last from Gibraltar in ten Days. Came in the Owners Goodwill, Lacy, from Yarmouth for Portsmouth.

Deal, Dec. 30. Wind S. W. Put back the *Fox* and *Greyhound* Men of War, and remain with his Majesty's Ships *Medway*, *Dover*, *Lynn*, *Lyme*, and *Serpent* Bomb, the *Charming Molly* Tender, the *Montague*, Freeman, for East-India; the *King of Portugal*, Hughes, and the

Charming Molly, Johnson, both for Lisbon; the *Dar-gent*, Nowell, and the *Neptune*, Burgh, both for Oporto; the *Henrietta*, Hood, for Gibraltar; and the *John* and *Elizabeth*, French, for Havre de Grace. Arrived the *Elliot*, Payne, and the *St. Quintin*, Barker, both from Zant; the *Mary Galley*, Hill, from Leghorn; the *Ann*, Hill, from Virginia; and the *Betsey*, Budden, from Philadelphia.

Arrived

At Gibraltar, the *Archibald*, Rogers, from Barbados; the *Zant*, Whitwood, from Zant, the *St. Mary*, Caenac, from Alicante, the *Alicant Galley*, Skur, the *Hibernia*, Co. from London, and the *Bosphorus*, Hedges, all from Cagliari, the *Don Carlos*, Diggs, from Malaga, the *James*, Lawson, the *Blacket* and *Fenwick*, Jefferson, and the *Mahone*, Fagan, from Mahone.

At Milford, the *Betsey*, Evans, from St. Kitts.

At Penzance, the *Vernon*, Bull, from Viana.

L O N D O N.

Since our former Account of Commodore Anson's being in the South Sea, and sailing from thence for the East Indies, a Letter hath been receiv'd from the Commodore's Cook, purporting, that upon their Landing on the West Coast of America, he happen'd to stray a little from the rest of the Crew, and was taken Prisoner by a Party of Spanish Horse, and was immediately carried before the Governor of the next Town, who examin'd him touching the Strength and Number of Ships that compos'd the Squadron; and he thinking it most advisable to speak the Truth, told him, that they were separated in a Storm before they could double the Cape, and that it was his Opinion, that the *Pearl*, *Severn*, and *Wager* Men of War, were lost in the said Storm; and that the Commodore had then aboard the two remaining Ships between three and four hundred Men, and since their coming into these Seas had taken several valuable Prizes, which, with the Plunder of the rich Town of Paits, might amount to near five Millions of Dollars. Upon this Intelligence, the Governor dispatched Expresses, both by Sea and Land, to prevent the *Aquapulca* Ship falling into his Hands, and sent him Prisoner to La Vera Cruz, and from thence to Old Spain. But that before they left La Vera Cruz, they had positive Advice there, that the Commodore finding nothing to be done to the Northward of Panama, had set sail the 11th of April from Cape St. Lucar, on the Island of California, for England, by way of the East Indies.

The *Prince of Orange*, Flood, from London, with Stores for Gibraltar, was taken by the Spaniards in the Bay of Gibraltar, and carried into Algezira.

A Sloop from Liverpool, which the Spaniards cut out of Gibraltar Mole, is also carried into the same Place.

The *Chester*, Burrows, is arrived at Scilly, from Barbados. She has on board the Crew of the *William*, Walker, from Barbados for London, which founder'd about 60 Leagues to the Westward of Cape Clare.

Yesterday's Irish Mail confirms the Taking of John Waite, late Cashier to the Bank. He was apprehended near Dublin, by Mess. Peter and Pat. Lawless, Merchants of that City, one of whom knew him personally in London.

We are told, that by last Thursday Night's Mail there went for Dublin a Warrant of Detainer, from the Duke of Newcastle's Office; and also, a Warrant of Detainer from the Duke of Devonshire Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; and that a Messenger will soon be sent to bring the said John Waite over.

A Dispensation has pass'd the Great Seal, to enable the Rev. Talbot Lloyd, M. A. Chaplain to the Right Hon. Elizabeth Countess of Winchelles, to hold the Vicarage of Elakton Magna in the County of Essex and Diocese of London, together with the Rectory of Wraybrays in the County and Diocese aforesaid.

A Presentation has likewise pass'd the Great Seal, to enable the Rev. Mr. George Braccgirdle to hold the Rectory of Taplowe in the County of Bucks and Diocese of Lincoln, void by the Death of the last Incumbent.

On Thursday Morning last Mr. John Lock, Son of Mr. Lock, an eminent Master-builder in King's-street, Westminster, was married at St. Margaret's Church to Miss Row, a young Gentlewoman of fine Accomplishments, and a Fortune of 2000 l.

Her Grace the Duchess of Kent, who has been dangerously ill at her Seat at Old Windsor, is so well recovered, that her Grace is expected in Town the latter End of next Week.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Orford has appointed Mr. Jones of the Lottery-Office to be his Lordship's Steward in the room of Mr. Oswald, deceased.

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